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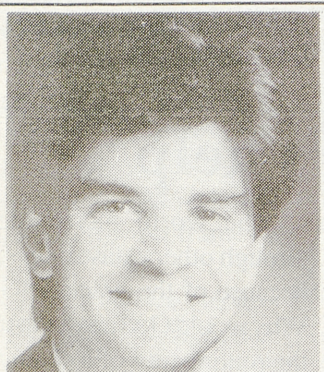
Tyler, Texas

Monday April 12, 1999

Stephanopoulos reflects on experiences with Clinton

by Danny Gallagher
page editor

Former senior advisor to President Clinton, George Stephanopoulos recalled his



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George Stephanopoulos

experiences working with the president April 1 as the last speaker in the Distinguished Lecture Series at University of Texas at Tyler Cowan Center.

"Clinton will go down in history as a president who aided his country when they needed him," he said.

"The president will spend the bulk of his time on foreign policy," he said, "on his responsibilities as commander-in-chief and as the chief diplomat," he told a crowd of more than 2,000 last week.

Stephanopoulos believes Clinton has taken the proper steps against the Serbs with his decision to send air strikes to punish the "ethnic cleansing" of Albanians.

"We have a responsibility not to turn away when an entire nation is being massacred. If anything, we have waiting too long," he said.

"Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosevic has been committing genocide," Stephanopoulos said. "He has ruthlessly pursued the Albanian minority in Kosovo," he said.

"If he is not overthrown by his own military or his

own people and if he does survive the attacks, we should indict him for war crimes," he said.

Stephanopoulos, a graduate of Columbia University and Rhodes scholar from Oxford University, was the deputy campaign manager for Clinton in 1992 and served four years as senior advisor for policy and strategy. At the end of Clinton's first term, Stephanopoulos had had enough.

Since leaving the White House, Stephanopoulos has become an ABC News political analyst and professor of international politics at

Columbia. He is promoting his book, "All Too Human."

Stephanopoulos listed the stronger potential candidates for president in 2000 as: Al Gore, Colin Powell, Dan Quayle, Lamar Alexander and Steve Forbes.

He believes the United States will become a better place if we use our reputation and resources wisely and efficiently.

"We are maybe as prosperous as we've ever been," he said. We will succeed as a people and as a nation if we practice the human art of the impossible."

Epperson named to All-USA Team

by Kelsey Walter
editor in chief

Sophomore Jimmy Epperson has been selected as a First Team Academic All-American. He was featured in the April 8 issue of USA Today.

The third-year student from Troup was honored Friday night at the 79th Annual American Association of Community Colleges at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville.

He is the sixth TJC student named to the First Team, more than any other junior college in the country.

Epperson was one of 20 students chosen from approximately 1,400 nominations across the country.

"I don't feel it is by any accident that a student is selected from TJC this consistently," Epperson said.

Epperson has received an associate in applied science degree as an emergency medical technician. He is completing the requirements for an associate in liberal arts degree in psychology which he hopes to obtain in May.

He will transfer to Texas

Tech University in the fall where he will major in biochemistry and apply for medical school.

Epperson believes his greatest accomplishment at TJC was participating in Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week Phi Theta Kappa sponsored last October.

"Emergency Medical Technology Director Dr. Gene Gandy has given me the guidance I needed and pointed me in the right direction," he said.

"I would be remiss if I didn't mention the help I received from Biology Instructor Dr. Gerald Wilson and English Instructor Judy Turman," he said.



TJC All-USA First Team

Cheryl Phinny	1991
Jeremy Coe	1993
Carla Bass	1996
Adam Daley	1997
Jamie Melton	1997
Jimmy Epperson	1999

by Vatina Henderson
page editor

Visitation with the opposite sex in TJC dorms is a major issue for some students. Students can meet in places like the Vaughn Library or Rogers Student Center to socialize, but these places do not provide much privacy.

Many students disagree with the policy forbidding opposite sex dorm visitors, not because they want to have sex, but because they would like to socialize privately with friends or admirers. TJC is one of the last junior colleges that does not allow visitation.

Shelby Henderson, former student at Navarro College, said their policy stipulates students can have someone of the opposite sex in their rooms 3 p.m. until 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and until midnight Friday and Saturday.

Student Services Director Heather Holland said Kilgore College's policy allows friends to visit from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Sat-

Visitation rules need to change

urday. Proper sign-in requirements include a picture ID, social security number and signature.

At Trinity Valley Com-

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LaSaundra Brown
said.

munity College, Dr. W.P. Drumgoole, vice president of student services, said their policy allows noon to 10 p.m. visitation every day.

"This no visitation is a board decision has been in effect since the founding of TJC. This is not a personal decision of mine," Residential Operations Advisor Michael Gregorash said.

"It will take a group of students to change this rule, but no one has made an effort to do so," he said.

Some students believe

TJC keeps this rule to make money. Sneaking into dorms occurs frequently. TJC charges \$20 for the first offense, \$40 for the second and the third offense results in the resident being removed from the dorm.

"I believe there should be visitation rights but only limited to weekends," student Von Eaglin said. Eleven other students who were interviewed shared the same viewpoint. All agreed there should be some type of visitation allowed.

"If we can really have a good shot at changing this policy, a group of us need to protest," Bateman Hall resident Tandra Wright said.

"If people want to consider us as adults, then we should be treated as adults and be able to make our own decisions," Freshman LaSaundra Brown said.

"I love visiting the dorms, but when it comes to kicking it with the guys, I choose to live in an apartment because of the dorm's strict policy," student Lamonica Turner said.

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Ashley Jackson
Lindale HS

"It covered a wide variety of information for students."

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Y2K problems will be solved with God's help

by Becky Jester
staff writer

March 4 was a frightening night in the otherwise quiet community of New Harmony. Frank and Bertha Cobb were bound, gagged and shot in the head before their house was robbed and set on fire. Suspect Newton Burton Anderson, 22, was considered a friend, knew that the elderly couple was hoarding cash and valuables in fear of a Y2K computer crash. He allegedly killed them to steal their possessions.

I live in the New Harmony community and it was hard for me to sleep that night knowing a killer was on the loose. It is scary to think other people out there will prey on paranoid "Y2K people."

The year 2000 is just another year. In the event of a computer crash, we must realize the human race has survived without computers before, because we trusted in God, not computers.

God is going to take care

of us. He says in Matthew 6:25: "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

He promises in Matthew 6:30: "Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"

The world has made it through other catastrophes, all because of the grace of God. Why would God abandon us at the routine turn of a century?

Those who insist on hoarding cash and valuables and freaking out over nothing, must not flaunt it. Someone out there is waiting to follow them home from the bank after they have withdrawn \$1,000. The new year is eight months away, that's plenty of time to prepare for the new millennium.

Civility—thing of past for some college students

by LaSaundra Brown
staff writer

"Say excuse me," one TJC instructor says when a student comes to class tardy.

Some professors believe that students need to stop boorish rude behavior, according to a recent Dallas Morning News story. Students arrive late, leave early, talk, and sleep during class. Instructors believe it's time to regain civility and take some of the blame for bad behavior.

This is not a new problem for colleges. Last April a TJC Task Force created a strategic plan to deal with campus civility, especially classroom etiquette, Campus Relations Director Dr. Otis Webster said.

This College is committed to promoting a level of classroom etiquette conducive to learning and teaching, Webster said.

TJC etiquette rules are:

- Attend class when it meets

- Be on time and remain the entire period.

- Refrain from talking, chattering and giggling during lecturing.

- Do not use cell-phones, beepers or any electronic device in class.

- Be attentive and participate in class.

"No sleeping in class" will be added to the rules for the next school year, he said.

Some students blame long lectures and classes for their incivility. Students believe teachers should be more entertaining in the classroom.

Students are to blame for disruptive classroom behavior. We students should take responsibility for our own actions. Most of the instructors quoted in the DMN story teach at community or junior colleges. Many students who attend community colleges close to home are not ready to be

independent, which may explain their immature behavior.

College is different from high-school, so we cannot bring a high-school mentality into college. Students blame uncivil behavior on teachers because of boring lectures.

"We want our instructors to be respectful to the students also," Webster said.

Although college should be a time of fun and excitement, it is also a time for learning and growth. The classroom may not be exciting, but everything in life is not fun. Some teachers will use monotone voices which can be boring, but some instructors may be exciting. This can teach us to adjust to different personalities at school and in the work place.

In the DMN story, some instructors said disruptive behavior is caused by short attention spans. "Children" have

short attention spans and react by misbehaving, but young adults can adjust to the situation and deal with it.

Some instructors do believe they should take some of the blame for students' behavior, and some could work on being more entertaining. Some instructors suggest using humor to deal with situations such as sleeping in class and tardiness.

TJC is making progress in classroom behavior Webster said. Along with the classroom etiquette rules, seminars and character affirmation sessions deal with classroom behavior. Webster encourages other colleges to promote classroom etiquette rules and seminars.

The bottom line is that the first priority in college is an education. We do not need to tolerate disruptive rude behavior in the classroom.

Campus gets new break areas, sidewalks

by Gina Lee
staff writer

Last week new sidewalks and concrete slabs appeared east and west of Potter Hall. Physical Plant Director Fred Carson said these 15-foot rectangles will become foundations for picnic tables.

Before the concrete dried, someone scrawled obscenities on the slabs and the walks.

"It is very disturbing that someone would do this when you try to make something nice for students," Carson said.

The obscenities will be removed, he said.

Students need shaded places to take breaks, Carson said. Two tables will be installed near Potter Hall and another break area will be built by Pirtle Technology Center.

"It is important that students have more places to sit down and study or to just

relax," Carson said.

Sidewalks have been added to both sides of Vaughn Conservatory," Carson said, leading from Potter and Holley halls straight to Rogers Student Center.

These walkways replace dirt paths students created by cutting across the lawns and older confusing sidewalks that sometimes led nowhere.

TJC students feel a good about the additions.

"The new picnic tables are really great because there are not enough benches to sit on," Student Heather Allen said.

The sidewalks are also helpful. Now there will be more room to walk when classes are out. It is so crowded between classes.

"It's all good," Will Starns said. The walkways give more room for everyone to stand.

The tables and slabs cost between \$10,500 and \$11,000 to construct, Carson said.



photo by Michael George
Two new sidewalks have been constructed on both sides of the library. They will give students more walking room and the campus a better look.

Campus Safety, security raises many questions

by Courtney Jones
page editor

Trying to build a good foundation of communication, the Campus Safety and Security Forum drew approximately 60 questions and voiced opinions about the role of campus safety personnel.

"This is what we're about, maintaining peace, order and making the academic process smoother," Campus Safety

Director Randy Melton said.

Students expressed concerns about safety at night.

"After working out at night I see strange people walking around campus, but I rarely see cadets," TJC student Rachel Birdow said. Students should turn to an officer for help in any situation," Sociology Instructor Shirley Bishop said.

Communication is "the master key" to every incident on campus, but some students are too afraid to discuss an incident with the officers.

Students complained about officers invading their privacy. "When we're standing outside the cops will film us (black students) and not film the other races of students, I just want an explanation," Tra' Young said. "People will act foolish regardless if they are being filmed by a cop," Keshia Stevens said. "Video cameras are a diversion tactic to find certain characters out on the streets," Vickers said.

I thought it was excellent and served as a forum of meaningful dialogue," Dr. Otis Webster said.

Panel members were English Instructor, Charles Johnson; Sociology Instructor Shirley Bishop; Campus Safety Director Randy Melton; Faculty Senate President Dr. Lynn Gray; Campus Safety Guard Jimmie Vickers and Educational Consultant Dr. Bennie Webster.

Francavigilia to talk politics

Dr. Richard Francavigilia will speak about politics April 27.

The director of the Center for Greater Southwestern Studies at UT Arlington will discuss the nature of American politics in society and their influences at 6 p.m. in the White Administration Service Center board room.

Francavigilia received a large grant from the Texas Council for Humanities to study small town American politics.

"He has studied how politics influence the citizens and those who serve in government," Government Instructor Dr. Manoucher Khosrowshahi said.

Admission is free and open to the public.

2 workshops to teach job skills

Two workshops can help students apply and get jobs.

April 13 a workshop will teach how to write the perfect resume.

April 14 a workshop will teach how to conduct a flawless job interview.

Both workshops meet 3 to 5 p.m. in Pirtle Technology Center and reservations are required.

Career Planning Director Melinda Coker will lead both sessions.

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Board reviews higher education costs

by Ijeoma Osuagwu
staff writer

The TJC Board of Trustees discussed finances and the cost of higher education at their March 25 meeting.

The financial health of the College received a good rating for February. Vacant personnel positions and a lower enrollment have contributed to a gradual accumulation of surplus.

"Revenue is down some \$700,000," Financial Services Director Ben Ferrell said.

"We've spent less and been in excellent shape."

They considered the cost of education and tuition and fees at the major Texas

universities where TJC students transfer.

Based on a 15-credit hour semester and verification of Texas residency, tuition and fees cost may range from \$1,153 to \$1,702.

The major transfer universities for TJC students are: the University of Texas at Tyler, Stephen F. Austin State University, the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University at Commerce and the University of North Texas.

The average cost of public community college tuition and fees per year is \$1,501 while public university tuition and fees cost about \$3,111 yearly. These costs exclude housing and other personal expenses.

TJC will use direct mail and other advertising to inform and educate high school and junior college students and their families about college options.

"The cost of higher education today is more affordable than what most people think," TJC President Dr. William Crowe said.

"If we let them see their options, they will be better informed and not just say they want to go to a Baylor, Austin or another big university," he said.

The City of Tyler plans to build a Work Skills Training Center in conjunction with area public schools and the College. It will serve high school students who don't plan to attend college.

"With the implementation of this particular program, high school

students who are directly ready for the workforce will have better skills and more meaningful employment," Crowe said.

"We want to upgrade this area of education because a high school diploma mainly concentrates on school subjects rather

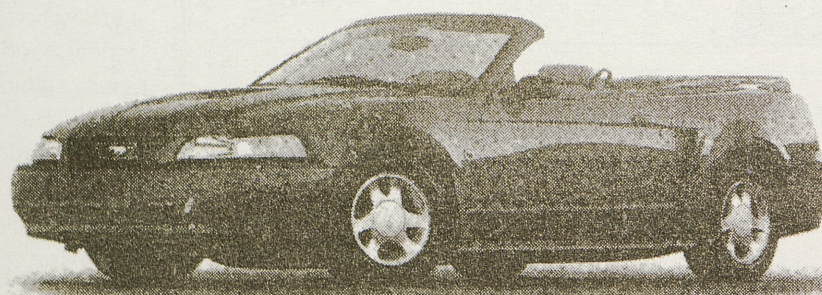
than training in technical and vocational skills," he said.

Officials plan to apply for EDA Grants to help fund this project.

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 22.

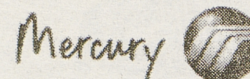
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Art students win money with their work

by Aaron Roberts
page editor

Five TJC art students won scholarships and cash at the annual Junior College Art Symposium April 1.

Connie Morris won a \$1,000 scholarship and a \$50 cash prize for a painting using a photograph as her canvas. She used brightly colored paints to accentuate the eyes and hair of a black and white photo.

Emily Prislac won a \$50 cash prize

for "The Predator." Prislac used contrasting colors on the same piece four times to create an unusual yet aesthetically pleasing work of art.

Jennifer Smith won a \$1,000 scholarship and a \$50 cash prize for her "Dark Mirror Series." She used dark and light colors with street name signs to create contrast and balance.

DeCarlton Warton won a \$50 cash prize with his use of heavy oil paints to

give texture and balance to a painting in blacks and reds.

Jason Woodward won a \$1,000 scholarship and \$100 cash prize with his abstract piece "Fill Us to Empty Us." Woodward used gutted televisions with paintings taped inside to give machines life. Computer parts sit in a chair viewing the screens.

Ag scholarships await East Texas applicants

by Randi Husted
staff writer

Five Soil and Water Conservation Scholarships will be available to TJC students for fall 1999 and five more for spring 2000.

Eligible are full-time students ma-

joring in an agriculture-related field who reside in Cherokee, Gregg, Henderson, Smith, Van Zandt or Wood counties and maintain an "admirable" grade-point average in all college work attempted.

A TJC committee will recommend

candidates to be voted on by the Soil and Water District's Board. They can receive scholarships in two successive long semesters long as they meet requirements and apply before the semester.

Spring recipients are: Adam Crockett, Lindsey Ellis, Mitzi Gandy, Wendy Golden and Shawna Meyer.

Applications are available in the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships Office, 903-510-2385 or 1-800-687-5680.

"The Soil and Water Conservation District has provided a wonderful opportunity for our students through the creation of this scholarship fund," Agricultural Sciences Director Kris Hobson said. "We appreciate their interest in studying in these fields."

Volunteers wanted to teach ESL program

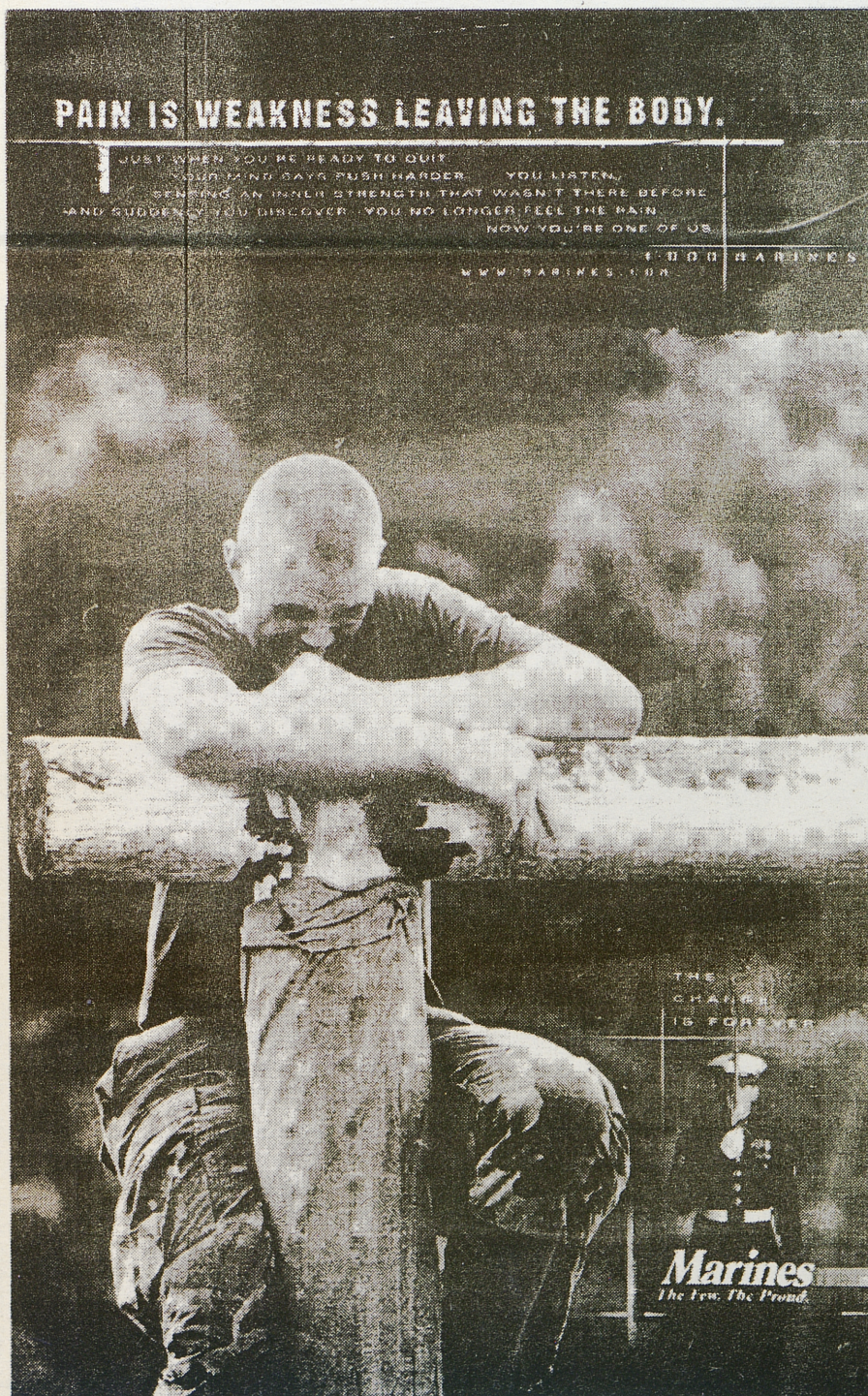
Tutor training to teach English as a Second Language is scheduled April 17 and 24 and May 15 and 22 at the Smith County Office Building, Room 200, 106 E. Elm, downtown.

The 15-hour workshops begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. both days.

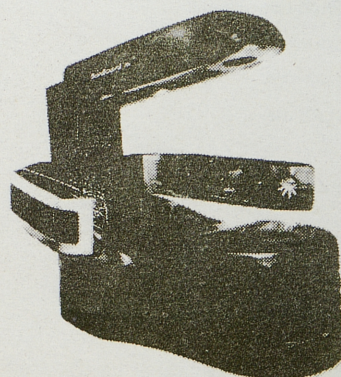
Volunteers do not need to know a second language, Literacy Council spokeswoman Nancy Hill said. This training will prepare volunteers to tutor non-English speaking adults to speak and read English.

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Anyone interested in attending or seeking information about other scheduled trainings should contact Hill at 903-533-0330.



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'Tickets, Please!' to open Thursday

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"We've arranged an outstanding show. We're proud to bring it back to our refurbished Wise Auditorium," Director Ruth Flynn said.

Tickets cost \$6 for Thursday night's grand dress rehearsal. Friday and Saturday night tickets cost

\$8 for adults and \$6 for students and people 55 and older. They can be purchased in the Cashier's Office in White Administrative Service Center or from any Apache Belle. Tickets will also be available at the door.

For more information call the TJC Information Line, 510-2249.

Smile, you're on 'Ed TV'!

by Danny Gallagher
page editor

"Ed TV" distances itself from any other film or comedy with the "life cannot be contained" theme.

Not only is the show funny and smart. It's also poignant. Few would expect that from a film whose trailer shows the main character making love on a kitchen table, falling on the floor and crushing a cat's spine.

After creating a failing cable TV network focused on true events as they happen, Ellen Degeneres and Rob Reiner play ruthless TV executives with a risky idea for a new show.

They find a likeable schmuck stupid enough to let his life be broadcast as a 24-hour soap.

Enter Matthew McConaghey as Ed, a video clerk thrown in front of a camera by his brother, played by Woody Harrelson.

When the show picks up major ratings and flashy corporate sponsors, the 24-hour cable program becomes the newest reason to stay home for the rest of your life.

Probably the sweetest aspect of this film is the interaction between characters. Each central character plays an important part of Ed's life. Director Ron Howard blends the emotion beautifully

around every person Ed meets.

The only downside to this delightful film is the realism of the situation. When the "Ed TV" project begins, Ed enjoys his new found fame among his family and the entire viewing nation, but he soon finds that having a private moment with anyone is impossible. Naturally, Ed wants out but the contracts and legal mumbo-jumbo trap him.

The film is creative and original. McConaghey's performance is stunning and the hilarious script, written by Lowell Ganz and Babaloo Mandel, is perfect for his hometown style of acting.

YWAM plans 'Jesus Go Fest'

by Sarah Jones
staff writer

The annual Jesus Go Fest expects thousands of participants from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 17 at the Youth With A Mission Center near Lindale.

This year's theme, "For Such A Time As This," from the biblical book of Esther will challenge participants to decide whether God has a purpose for their lives.

The free, all-day music and missions festival will include international speakers Winkie Pratney, Don Stephens and Leland Paris, drama, worship, mission opportunities, veteran Christian musician Dallas Holm and alternative folk group

Waterdeep.

Go Fest is designed to get young people to think about their lives and futures, as well as enjoy the entertainment.

"I came to Jesus Go Fest in 1994 and felt God say that I was to come back (to YWAM) for training," Doug White said, White now ministers with YWAM in the inner-city of Houston. "I

joined YWAM in 1996 and have never regretted a minute of it!"

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Optical Dispensary gives discount on eyeglasses

by Danny Gallagher
page editor

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Optical dispensing students can create new glasses based on a doctor's prescription or a current pair of prescription lenses.

A regular \$250 pair of glasses can cost up to \$80 at the dispensary. Students do free maintenance on frames and glasses.

Program Director Steve Robbins said the eyeglass dis-

pensary at the RTDC serves both his students and the TJC community.

"Our students use this to receive hands-on training," Robbins said. "And it also encourages people to buy glasses from us."

The dispensary will take orders for glasses only until Thursday, April 15. The shop is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information, call Robbins at 510-2020.

Dorms vs. Apartments

by Stefani Martin
staff writer

Many students believe apartment life is much better than dorm life. Some like living in the dorms.

Freshman Angie Smith moved to an apartment after a bad experience in the dorms.

"I felt unsafe in the dorms," Smith said. It was too noisy, and made studying very difficult, she said.

"I really like cooking for myself and not having to go to the cafeteria for my meals," Smith said.

Others find advantages in living on campus. They don't have to search for a parking space or pay separate bills.

Freshman Josh Sims likes living in dorms.

"I have made some good friends, but I'll probably get an apartment next year, just because that is what the guys are doing," he said.

Sophomore Chris Chambers likes the freedom of living in an apartment. "There are no specific rules, such as no candles or weapons," he said. "People can visit one another whenever they want."

"People have more respect for others' privacy in an apartment," Chambers said.

Some think dorm life is cheaper. Room and board for one semester costs \$1400 including a meal ticket.

"You can find an apartment for less if you look around," Chambers said.

Students give blood

Twenty-eight units of blood were collected in the April 5 drive.

"We had 28 donors. This was better than last year, so we were happy," Coordinator Rachel Ashcraft said.

Stewart Regional Blood Center, is a non-profit organization serving 26 East Texas counties. The Center processes more than 40,000 units of blood each year.

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by Angela Curry
page editor

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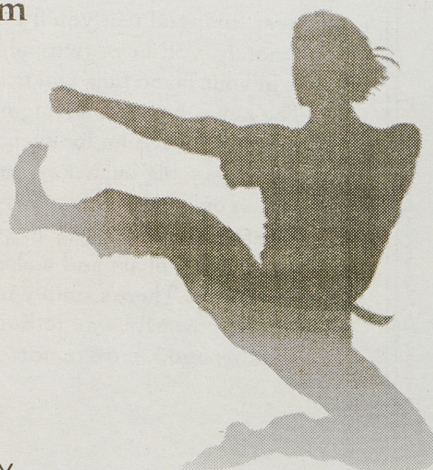
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Circle of Honor inducts 4 former football players

by Brandee Boyd
page editor

Four former TJC football players were inducted into the TJC Sports Circle of Honor during an awards luncheon and ceremony Saturday.

Inductees are:

• Ken Coffey, a member of the Apache football team's secondary in 1978 and 1979 seasons, earned team captain and All-American recognition his senior season at Southwest

Texas State University, helping them win a 1981 national championship. Coffey played for the Washington Redskins 1982-86 and started with the 1982 Super Bowl championship team. He is now a district manager for VALIC, an American General retirement corporation.

• Raymond McGallion, a running and defensive back, who was important in the 1949 Jun-

ior Rose Bowl victory over Fort Lewis. After graduating from Texas Tech University, he returned to his hometown of Silsbee, where he coached football 21 years.

• Jack Murphy, a 1959 football All-American, was All-Conference at Tulsa University. After college, he coached the Gladewater Bears to the state quarterfinals five times and the semifinals once. His

teams won or shared nine district titles and he holds the Class 3A record for taking his teams to the playoffs 11 consecutive years.

• Gene Shannon, an Apache running back in 1947 and 48, earned All-Conference honors and transferred to the University of Houston, where he played football and ran track for three years. He was Player of the Game in the Cougars'

first bowl game appearance in 1952 and the first athlete ever inducted into the UH Athletic Hall of Honor. After college and two years military service, he served as football coach, principal and superintendent of the New London Independent School District.

Radio and television sports personality David Smoak and retired TJC coach Floyd Wagstaff hosted the ceremony.

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